OMS reprints collection conservation manual
The Office of Management Studies (OMS) of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has issued a second printing of its 1993 publication, Collection Conservation Treatment: A Resource Manual for Program Development and Conservation Technician Training. The 452-page manual contains instructions for more than 100 conservation treatments, floorplans, and furnishing/equipment lists for conservation laboratories; flow charts and decision trees for conservation decision-making; plus a bibliography. It was developed by the 42 collections conservators and preservation administrators who attended the 1992 “Training the Trainers: A Conference on Training in Collection Conservation,” and compiled by Maralyn Jones, assistant head of the Conservation Department at the University of California, Berkeley. The manual also includes a final report on the conference which was intended to facilitate regional planning for collection conservation training. Copies are available for $40.00, plus $5.00 shipping and handling (prepaid only) from ARL Publications, Department #0692, Washington, DC 20073-0692. For more information contact: Annette C. Verna (202) 296-8656.

NEDCC republishes preservation manual
The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has published the second edition of its Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual, edited by Sherelyn Ogden. The manual is intended to provide basic, practical information on a variety of collection care topics and to assist in developing sound preservation programs. The 35 leaflets in the original manual were reviewed and updated and 11 new leaflets were added. The new leaflets include “Importance of Collections Policies,” “Light Protection for Library and Archival Materials,” “Storage Solutions for Oversize Paper Artifacts,” and “The Implications of Digital Imaging for Preservation.” Copies of the entire manual (46 leaflets, plus binder) are available for $40.00 from NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494. Sets of 20 leaflets (the 11 new leaflets, plus the 9 most substantially revised original leaflets) are available for $8.50. Prices include shipping and handling and orders must be prepaid. For more information contact: Pat McCarthy at (508) 470-1010.

PRLC creates Hypatia
The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center (PRLC) has announced the creation of Hypatia, a new collection of full-text preservation databases which currently includes a top-level directory, a database of disaster plans, the AMIA-L listserv archives of the Association of Moving Images Archivists, a directory of regional resources for preservation and disaster recovery, and a link to the CoOL webserver at Stanford University. Hypatia will be maintained by the preservation services manager at PRLC and new databases will be added as obtained. WAIS access is available through prlc.org port 210, using the search term hypatia in the hypatia-directory-of-servers. SWAIS access is available, for users without a WAIS client, through telnet prlc.org or dial-in 412-825-5580, login: hypatia, password: hypatia (VT100 terminal emulation setting required).

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